

COMMUNITY NEWS

TOWN

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Brockton," Cole said regarding those honored. "It shows tonight with you being here. Thank you for everything you do."

Each of the council members also thanked the citizens for all the time and effort they give to help the Town of New Brockton. They said it is greatly appreciated.

Council member Jeff White, who also serves on the town's water board, encouraged citizens to either come by or call the New Brockton Town Hall if they do not receive their monthly water bill. He said the town has had a few complaints from customers that they did not receive a bill after their water was turned off for non-payment.

White said the customers know they should receive a bill; therefore, if someone does not receive a bill on month, he/she should either call or come by the town hall.

Mayor Cole said the water bill is late as of the 15th of each month and subject to be cut off

CITIZEN OF TOMORROW (Correction)

Editor's Note: This picture originally published with wrong parent information because the form (given to The Elba Clipper staff) was filled out incorrectly.



Tanner, age 2, is the son of Karen Luckenbaugh and Eddie Sanders.

EHS Class of 1947 enjoys 58th anniversary of graduation

after the 25th of the month for nonpayment.

"We know we've got a water bill coming, and we know we've got to pay the bill," Cole said. "If you've got some sort of problem, call us before it's turned off."

In other business,

The citizens of New Brockton were encouraged to attend a National Day of Prayer service Thursday, May 5, at 12 Noon, at the town's park. In case of bad weather, the service will be held at the New Brockton Town Hall.

* Council member Richard Driskell said the town's fire department will be conducting a fund raiser through Saturday, May 7. He said a representative from the fire department will be going door-to-door asking for donations for the New Brockton Fire Department. An incentive will be given to those who participate with a donation.

* Council member approved an ordinance for storage of impounded vehicles.

* Mayor Cole said the housing rehabilitation project is moving along. He said 19 of 22 applicants have qualified for the project, and work has already started.

* It was announced that the Town of New Brockton offices will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Classmates present at the

Elba High School class of 1947 gathered at the Olde South Inn in Elba on April 21 to celebrate the 58th anniversary of their graduation. Of the 11 members who graduated on May 23, 1947, 22 were able to attend and renew old friendships. There were 20 who were deceased, two were unable to attend due to poor health, and one, Betty Mims could not be located. Several classmates could not attend due to prior commitments.

Class President Wynell Chapman Myers welcomed the class with a humorous poem that created the right mood for the party. Classmates shared numerous tales of their days at Elba High. Most involved encounters with the principal, "Fessor" Dixon and several of the teachers: Mrs. Ham, Mrs. Althea Prescott, Mrs. M. C. Cook, and Mrs. Dunaway.

It seems no matter how many differences the class members had with the faculty, all had pleasant memories of the high school years.

Spouses of class members feel they are part of the class, also. Many friendships have been developed over the years as they attended the reunions. All classmates have expressed a desire to locate Betty Mims, and hope someone will be able to provide information to enable us to contact her.

Classmates present at the

reunion were: Jim Farris,

Donald Kelley, Nell Helms

James Roy Fuller,

Gennette Fleming, Kendrick,

Pat Morrow, S. D. Dyess Sharpless,

Ann Dunaway, Gamblin,

Sibylne Walker Modlin,

Wynell Chapman Myers;

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BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Our Alabama Legislature is dangerously close to ending the regular session without budgets being passed. The education budget is before the governor and he may well veto it... it has been suggested. The General Fund Budget has not passed the Senate due to a multitude of problems. With one day left there are a number of danger spots which must be overcome in order for everything to get passed. If the governor vetoes the education budget, that will bring on a big fight... which will not be solved in one day. If agreement is not reached on several fronts (budget and otherwise) during these off days, the General Fund fight will continue - all day and not pass before the clock runs out on that last day of the session. Then the taxpayers will be hit with what is estimated to be an extra \$500,000 cost for a special legislative session, because there must be a state budget, this is not a federal issue which can rock on for years with "continuing resolutions". The half million dollar cost estimate is probably on the low side of reality.

The dreaded day of the announcement from Washington on which military bases (BRAC) will be recommended for closing is Friday. Like hundreds of other communities, those in the Wiregrass don't want to imagine life without Ft. Rucker (and the related dollar impact). In fact if fear is strong, most people have decided Rucker is just too important (to the military) for it to be closed. In fact us "smart" folks are convinced Ft. Rucker's mission should be expanded! Hopefully it is true, but remember that statement about military importance is being repeated in communities around military bases all over America.

The bright light in the pending BRAC announcement is the recent talk of scaling back the statewide base closures due to the pending pullback of some troop units which have been stationed in Europe and Asia since W.W.II. We wondered about right here in this column months ago if that wouldn't be the smart thing to do. Great minds do seem to work together, even if it takes the government decision makers longer to catch the wave!

Heddy and I had been talking about and planning to walk the new walking trail on the levee, but always found excuses to postpone the trek. Well Sunday afternoon we hit the road... getting on the levee off Claxton Avenue and following it all the way around to Dorsey Trailers. Our trip started before the asphalt trail began and went on beyond it... we got a full dose. From U. S. 84 at Dorsey, we cut through Mulberry Heights and back to our home on Claxton Ave. It took about an hour... maybe a bit more. We got hot, but not overly so, as the weather is still mild. Most parts of town Heddy had never seen from the back side and she commented several times that it looked different from the rear. It does.

Our good deed for the week was to weeding cemetery lots "back home" Saturday afternoon. It went fine until one clump of weeds near a gravestone was infested with hidden fire ants. We found them (no! we found it) immediately after removal of the weeds and while our tired old back was still bent over and the left hand was after some more of the offending plants. Once! It would be nice to report that we said "Gee golly gee whiz, that stings" but more likely if the birds cold talk, they would say our words were quite a bit harsher.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 2, 2005, investigated the following incidents: two for domestic violence, two for criminal mischief, one for criminal trespassing, three for theft of property, two missing persons, two for harassing communications, two for harassment, one menacing, one burglary, one accidental damage to a vehicle, one for disorderly, one nonsupport, one found dead.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for speeding, one for driving with an expired driver's license, one for an expired tag and one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, MAY 2 - River stage - 10.74 feet (6:00 a.m.); Burglary reported at Morrow Village in the park (9:37 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 7110 Jones St. (2:00 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1121 Farris Ave. (10:37 p.m.); Fight in progress reported on Jackson St. (11:16 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAY 8 - River stage - 6.39 feet (7:00 a.m.); Prowler reported at 126 Adkinson Ave. (11:33 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAY 3 - Robbery (person) reported in the parking lot of Big Little East (12:24 p.m.).

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to the polls to vote, they voted for the current commissioners because they felt they were ones to get the job done.

"We come here today for your full cooperation with this project," Harrison said. "This (speaking of the tragic accident on April 19) inspired all of us to get together. It's time you consider saving lives at this intersection."

Harrison said ever since the April 19th accident there have been numerous commissioners and state officials at the intersection. She said the concerned citizens are encouraged by the action, and it seems everything is coming together.

"We feel like you want to do the right and just thing," she said. "We do not like to see people harmed there... killed. When it comes to our front door, we decided to wake up."

Harrison said when all officers have done what they can do, the concerned citizens will thank them.

County engineer Randy Tindell said he and commissioner Robert Stephens met with state DOT officials. He said the state is willing to pay half of the cost of the erection of a caution light at the intersection if the county will pay the other half, as well as, sign an agreement indicating the county will maintain the light forever and pay the electricity costs.

The original motion made by Brooks passed with a unanimous vote.

Besides the rumble strips on the county roads, Tindell said his department also wants to go in and remove some brush from the roadway. He said hopefully this will allow motorists to see the stop sign from a greater distance.

Commissioners ended a debate regarding a public rural transportation system for Coffee County Monday morning when the motion to accept the pro-

gram was defeated.

Commissioner Brooks offered a motion to take the public transportation issue off the table and bring it to a vote. He received a second from Stephens, and the motion to remove from the table passed unanimously.

The original motion, made a couple of months ago, for Coffee County to accept a rural transportation system then came to a vote. It failed to pass with a 1-5 vote. Only commissioners Brooks voted in favor.

Commissioner Stephens abstained from the vote to avoid any type of conflict of interest.

In other business, commissioners:

* Approved waiving the rental fee for the farm center for the Coffee County Baptist Association June 18th when it jointly sponsors a God and Country Rally.

* Approved a motion to accept a bid from Harris Security Systems in the amount of \$40,770 for video security equipment for the two county courthouses. The bid also accepted an additional camera option of \$450.

* Commissioner Linda Westbrook shared a card she received in mail from a resident that she had written to the great job he does in maintaining roads.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, May 23, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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* WATER & SEWER BOARD - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

* ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tuesdays at 7 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

* GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 7 p.m. - United Methodist Church-on-site on W. Davis St.-Maggie Garrett Classroom

* COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

* LIBRARY - Tuesdays & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center

* ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd & 4th Tues. at 7 p.m. - City Hall

* AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month-7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Tipton Hwy.

* COFFEE COUNTY LIONS - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Lions Club, Tipton Hwy.

* BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Elba High School

* VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 897-8454

* COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Coffee Co. Inn, Enterprise

* COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. - New Colony Inn, Enterprise

* AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hanger at the Airport

* AMVETS - every 3rd Tuesday night of the month - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

* NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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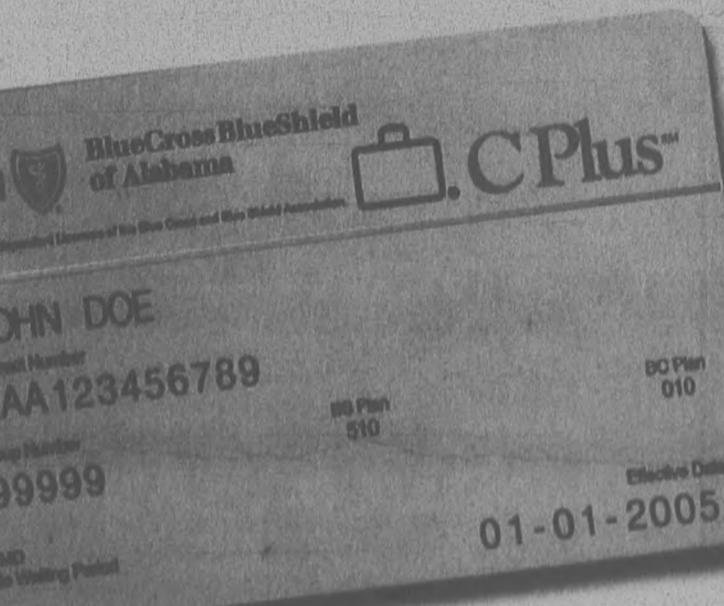
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Obituaries

MINNIE RUTH (COOK)
MATTHEWS

Selma, Ala.; four grandsons and seven great-grandchildren.

BILL CROWELL

Mr. Bill Crowell, age 63 died

Tuesday, May 10, 2005, in a

funeral service held May

2005 at Hayes Funeral Home

with Rev. Billy Redd officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Mrs. Matthews was preceded in death by her husband, Hollis Matthews; brother, Audley Cook; two sisters, Odell Sturdivant and Connie Pearl Helms.

Survivors include one daughter: Lois Eldridge; one son: Charles Ray Matthews (wife, Pasty); Elba, one sister: Pauline (husband, Clyde) Burroughs, Gordo, Ala.; three brothers: Daniel W. (wife, Hazel) Cook, Northport, Ala., Lester Cook, Enterprise, Ala. and Aford (wife, Silvia) Cook.

and Rev. Bill Pritchett will officiate. The interment will follow at the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Masonic Rites. Kealey Funeral Home will be directing.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice Crowell; one daughter, son-in-law, Lisa (Steve) Dinebelt, one son, Phillip Crowell, all of Andalusia; four grandchildren;

Kelley of Elba, sister-in-law & brother-in-law: Tina and Billy Morgan of Elba; brother-in-law: Lamar Kelley;

his mother: Lessie Crowell of Andalusia; brothers and sisters-in-law: Bob (Carolyn) Crowell, New Brockton, Bryant (Rochelle) Crowell, Jay Fla. (Joyce) Crowell, Andalusia; sister and brother in law: Bonita (Lee) Head, Opp; mother-in-law: Myrtle Lee

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Kristen Murphy & Dustin Strong
Shower, 5/1/05 - Wedding 8/11/05
Lindsay Taylor & Kevin Dodd
Shower, 4/16/05 - Wedding 5/21/05
Vaughan Boyd & Grant Lyons
Shower, 7/10/05 - Wedding 8/6/05

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Billy Redd - Pastor
Elba 1st Assembly of God

During these past few months the Lord has dealt with me over and over again concerning the subject of obedience to Him. That reminded me of billboard signs we would see concerning GOD, one sign said "IF GOD WOULD TELL THEE SHALT NOT do you not understand?" Referring to us in this, if GOD WOULD TELL THEE SHALT NOT do you not understand? If we do not do it, Simple! But many times it seems that people struggle with the same old sinful "habit" time and time again. But if within God's Word we find instruction that tells us we should not be deceived into disobeying God's commands, it stands to reason that somewhere down the road we will have to give account for our actions.

The child of God must realize that if we are to give account unto God for every idle word we speak, surely we will be held accountable for our actions when we knowingly do not obey God. Notice the sternness in the statement by Jesus in Matthew 12:36, "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

When we compare that verse with Ephesians 5:27 that says Jesus is going to expect the church, of which all born-again people are a part, to be "without spot or wrinkle,--", don't you agree that we should be real serious and careful about how we live this life for God?

Serving God is enjoyable and fun, but it does require of us to be responsible.



BARBARA TILLIS, AN ASSOCIATE WITH WAL-MART, PRESENTS KAY WILSON, director of the Elba Public Library, with a grant check from Wal-Mart for \$1,000.00.

WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN		DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	9:45 a.m.
More Worship	11:00 a.m.	More Worship	11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH		Faith Chapel Community Church	
Pastor: Don Grantham		Pastor: Rev. Melvyn Stelle Jr.	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
More Worship	11:00 a.m.	More Worship	11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training	5:00 p.m.	Training Class	5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Service	7:15 p.m.
Wed. Services	6:15 p.m.		
RANON BAPTIST CHURCH		Monticello Blue Grass Foundation Church	
Pastor: Bernard Strickland, Pastor		Pastor: Rev. Paul Phillips	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
More Worship	11:00 a.m.	More Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship	6:00 p.m.	Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Services	6:15 p.m.	Wed. Service	6:15 p.m.
ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH		Friendship Holiness	
Pastor: Nathan Carroll - Pastor		Pastor: Rev. W. A. Williams	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
More Worship	11:00 a.m.	More Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship	6:00 p.m.	Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 p.m.	Wed. Service	7:00 p.m.
ELBA CHURCH OF GOD		God's Power House Evangelistic Church	
Pastor: R. E. Stuckard, Pastor		Pastor: Rev. Fred Tallock	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
More Worship	11:00 a.m.	More Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship	6:00 p.m.	Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 p.m.	Wed. Service	7:00 p.m.
ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY		Greater New Zion Baptist Church	
Pastor: Darryl Caldwell, Pastor		Pastor: Rev. L. Peterson, Pastor	
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ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH TABERNACLE		God's Power House Evangelistic Church	
Pastor: Tom Sosa, Pastor		Pastor: Rev. Fred Tallock	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
More Worship	11:00 a.m.	More Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship	6:00 p.m.	Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.	Wed. Service	6:30 p.m.
BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH		Elba Deliverance	
Pastor: Rev. Eddie Parker		Pastor: Rev. Eddie Parker	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
More Worship	11:00 a.m.	More Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship	6:00 p.m.	Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.	Wed. Night	7:00 p.m.
ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH		Harris Temple Co-Op	
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor		Pastor: W. K. Ellison, Pastor	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
More Worship	10:00 a.m.	More Worship	10:00 a.m.
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.	Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service	6:30 p.m.	Wed. Service	6:30 p.m.
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ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH		Elba Deliverance	
Pastor: Rev. Eddie Parker		Pastor: Rev. Eddie Parker	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
More Worship	11:00 a.m.	More Worship	11:00 a.m.
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ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH		Harris Temple Co-Op	
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor		Pastor: W. K. Ellison, Pastor	
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E.H.S. Student Spotlight

by Brittney Clark

This week's student spotlight is Kaleb Dyess. He is the 18-year-old son of Lance and Benita Dyess.

Kaleb is involved in SGA, FFA, VICA, Mu Alpha Theta, Senior Beta, and is the Secretary of the EHS Ambassadors and an EHS football player. Kaleb's hobbies include hunting (he especially loves turkey hunting), fishing and spending time with friends and family.

After graduation he plans to attend Troy University and graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree then transfer to the University of Alabama at Birmingham to become an orthodontist.

Congratulations, Kaleb, on being this week's student spotlight.



Did You Know?...

by Kristi Spinks
A whip makes a cracking sound because its tip moves faster than the speed of sound.

Walt Disney got the idea for Mickey Mouse from watching mice play in a garage, where he was forced to work, because he could not afford to rent an art studio. Alfred Hitchcock did not have

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Elba Elementary students get lesson in building rockets

by Stephanie Corder

On April 28, 2005, the Elba Elementary School's 5th and 6th grade talent pool and a selection of 10 sixth graders had the opportunity of building rockets.

Greg Corder, who has been building rockets with the elementary school for seven years, taught them teamwork and how to follow directions.

After building, gluing and cutting, they let the rockets dry overnight. The next morning, the entire sixth grade class enjoyed a show of these talented students shooting off their rockets.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Varsity team outscores alumni team in annual baseball game

by Duke Carr

The Elba High School baseball team sponsored its 2nd Annual Alumni baseball game on April 23, 2005. The event brought former Elba athletes back to show off their skills against the Elba athletes of today.

Coach Grimes would like to thank everyone that helped make this year's Alumni game a huge success.

2005 Alumni Baseball Team: Shane Spurin, Brooks Creel, Dustin Stinson, Brandon Petty, Derrick Thomas, Freddie Thomas, Aubrey Williams, Butus Tillis, Kyle English, Scott Kelley, Pete Manning, Jetey Wise, and Wynn Grimes.

2005 Varsity Baseball Team: Clark Skinner, Adam Spire, LaRee Williams, Marques Tyson, Andrew Harrelson, Ryan Gibbs, Chase E. Boutwell, Chase W. Boutwell, Ryan McCollough, Jacob Forbes, Clint Bradshaw, Dustin Rhodes, Stephen Driggers, and Brad Sullivan. Greg Hanchey was the Honorary Head Baseball Coach for the Varsity Boys.

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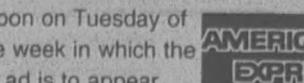
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Views From.... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Mother's Day was Sunday and I am one of the lucky ones to still have a Mom I can call when I want to hear her voice and visit when I miss her and just need to sit down and talk. I will admit that as the kids grew up and got busy I have called her less and the trips home got fewer and farther between. However, she celebrated her 80th birthday back in March and since then I have made it a point to call at least once a week and will visit whenever I get a weekend off. I still remember a TV commercial with Bear Bryant from many years ago in which he stated "Have you called your Mother today? I sure wish I could call mine!" Yes, I am one of the lucky ones.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH....

*** The Elba Lady Tigers rolled to three straight wins last week to win the Class 2A, Section 5 Softball Tournament and in doing so earned the home field advantage for the next two rounds of sub-state action. The Lady Tigers rallied late to sneak past Luverne 4-2 in the tourney opener, and then posted wins over county rival New Brockton 10-0 and 3-1 to keep the championship trophy at home. Elba has now taken the first big step toward earning a berth at the state tournament for the first time since making the change to fast pitch and the girls still have two hurdles left to clear to make school history. It won't be easy, but I am still convinced that if the Lady Tigers can score runs they can get the wins needed and make the trip to Montgomery. The hard part was getting there, now it is time to relax, have some fun and grab that last big goal.

*** High school softball tournaments were held across the state last weekend and it was a good week for Coffee County teams as New Brockton, Zion Chapel and Kinston all advanced to the opening round of sub-state action. The Lady Gamecocks put a lackluster season behind them and claimed two wins to move in the 2A tourney, while the Lady Rebels made history by advancing for the first time ever and the Lady Bulldogs also punched their ticket to sub-state with a second straight year. All three of the county teams made it to sub-state as the runner-up in their tournaments, but all three posted big wins to keep their seasons alive and set to be con-

gratulated. *** Spring football practice began last week at Elba and just as Coach Scott Rials promised the drills were physical from the start. The Tigers were in full pads the opening day and the pads could be heard popping for over two hours as the players hit in drills and went live in team workouts. Coach Rials may be known as an offensively minded coach that loves to have his teams run up and down the field and score points in a hurry, but this spring he appears to be looking for some players that will also lower their heads and hit somebody. It looks and sounds like the old days are back as far as spring training goes here in Tigertown.

*** A few years back Zion Chapel had to forfeit a football game due to a lack of players, but those days are long gone and Friday night the Rebels displayed just how far the program has grown when they held a spring game and instead of playing an outside opponent had enough players to divide up into two teams and held an intra-squad game. Zion Chapel dressed out 26 varsity and 29 junior varsity players in the spring game and both groups played two quarters of regulation game. The overall athletic program at Zion Chapel has grown over the past few years and is now beginning to make some noise in all sports. Looks like the guns are loaded again for the Rebels!

*** The Blues, a team in the Elba Dixie Ponytails Softball League, are off to an undefeated start this spring and last week pitcher Lindsey Carnley enjoyed her two trips to the rubber as she pitched a total of nine innings and allowed no hits while striking out 20 batters. There were a possible 27 outs in her nine innings of work, and while her teammates did help here with seven, she took care of the other twenty all by herself. The eleven-year-old has been pitching for the past three years on tournament teams and this year has stepped in and been a dominant force in the league.

*** In closing.... I talked with new Carroll High coach Ronnie Cottrell last week and greeted him back to the area after too many years away. We talked about the past problems that led to a series of losing seasons over at the Ozark campus and both agreed that if anyone could turn things around it would be him. It is a big job ahead, but I am convinced Carroll got the right man for the job and he will lead the Eagles to many wins.

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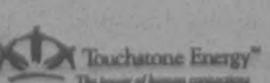
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At Zion Chapel spring game

Childs leads Whites roll past Reds 20-0

Zion Chapel High School held its "Red vs. White" intra-squad football game Friday night with the White rolling to a big 20-0 win as the Zion Chapel Rebels wrapped up spring football.

The junior varsity teams hit the field first and while neither team was able to get on the scoreboard there was plenty of action throughout the opening quarter. John Baker had a 10-yard run for a first down to lead the Red offense, while over on defense Chris Walker had 3 tackles and Matt Baker had a sack that resulted in a 6-yard loss. Gatin Childs had a 9-yard gain to lead the White's Clay Nelson advanced on a fumble back at the 10.

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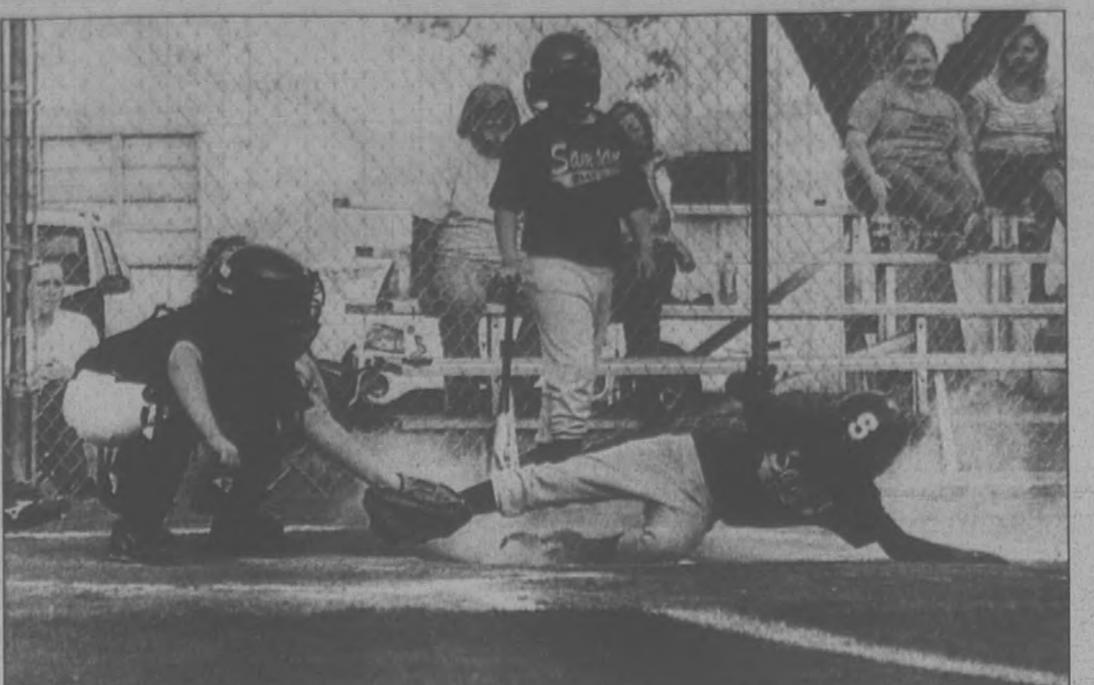
It was a busy week of action in youth baseball and softball leagues

COACH-PITCH BASEBALL



GOTCHA.... A catcher in the Dixie Angels Softball League pulls in a foul ball for an out in action at Hawkins-Williams Park.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)



OUT AT THE PLATE.... A Samson Blue baserunner is tagged out before getting to the plate in recent Dixie Minor action at Legion Field.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL



READY OR NOT.... The first baseman for the Giants prepares to make a catch at first in Coach-Pitch action last week at Hawkins-Williams Park.

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LET THE GIRLS SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE.... A batter for the Athletics in the Co-Ed Tee Ball League takes a swing during play at Hawkins-Williams Park.

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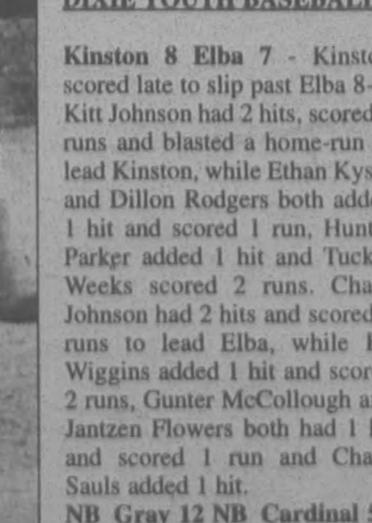
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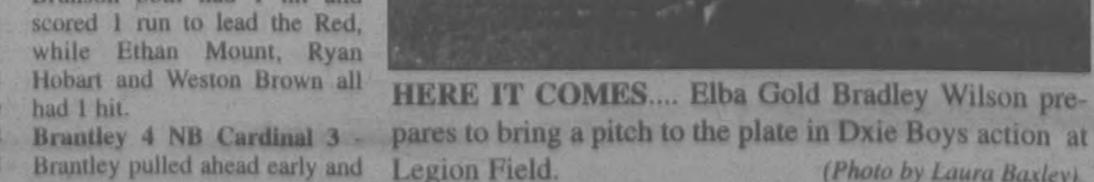
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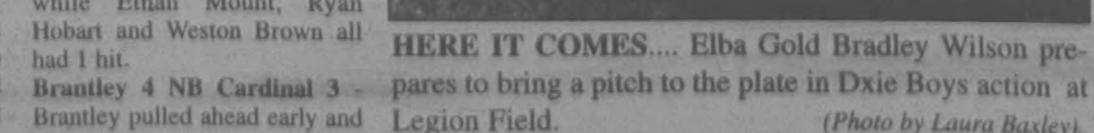
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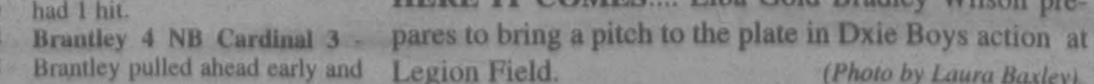
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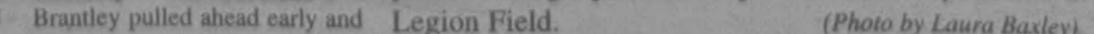
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2005 Miss Bronze winners crowned recently

Greater Essence, an African American Christian Women Society, presented the 2005 Miss Bronze Pageant recently in Elba.

The theme of the pageant was "Becoming A Greater Presence With A Greater Essence In Society!"

Serving as Master of Ceremony was Bro. Calvin Carpenter.

There were five separate categories for the pageant including: Tiny Tots (3-4 years); Mini Miss (K-3rd grade); Little Miss (4-6th grade); Junior Miss (7th-9th grade) and Miss Bronze (10th-12th grade).

Congratulations to ALL the contestants and winners!!



MISS... (from left) Rashawnda Renae Whitfield, first runner up; Kayla Sha'nise Jones, second runner up; Shai Yelverton, 2005 Miss Bronze; Keleka Magwood, third runner up; and Shawanna Monique Wright, Miss Congeniality.



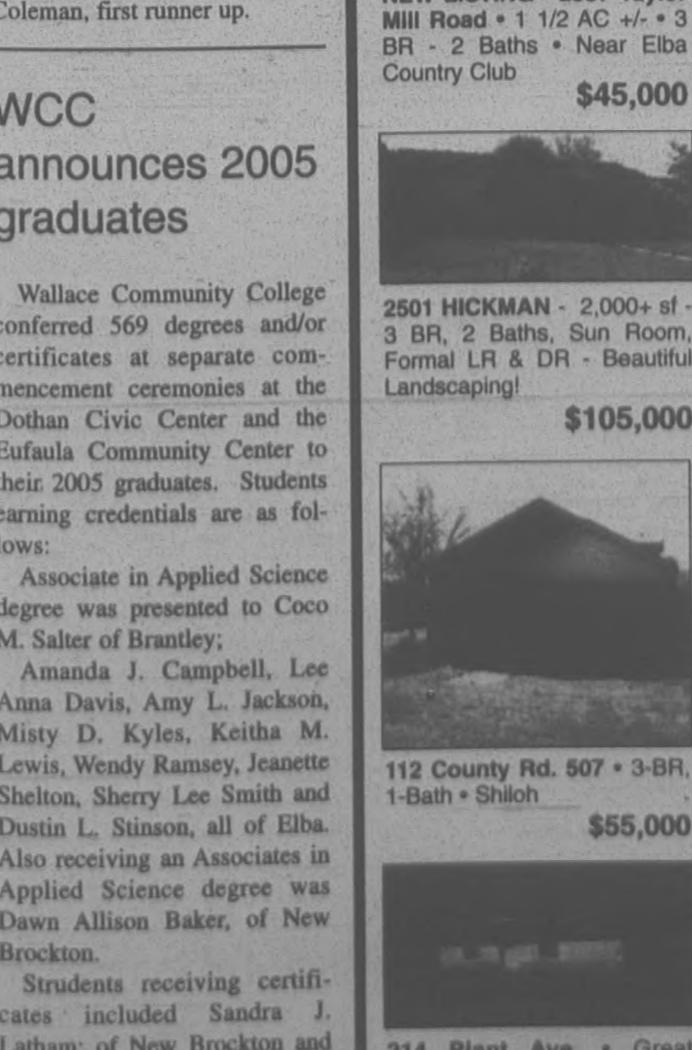
TINY TOTS... (from left) Anaiya Henderson, second runner up; Journee Mitchell, 2005 Tiny Tots Miss Bronze; and Mytia Jane Germany, first runner up.



LITTLE MISS... (from left) Keyawne Quinteros Gavin, second runner up; Britney Ann Magwood, third runner up; Yatuchateeneyah Henderson, 2005 Little Miss Bronze; and Karizmah Yelverton, first runner up.



JUNIOR MISS... (from left) Asia Andreia Sistrunk, first runner up; Kirsten Acquafonte White, 2005 Mini Miss Bronze; Garjan Ware, third runner up; and Jessilyn McKenzie, second runner up.



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C.C. Local Emergency Planning Committee to meet

The Coffee County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on May 23, 2005. The meeting will be conducted in the community room at the Coffee County Commission Complex in New Brockton, Ala. This meeting is required by Title III of the Superfund Amendments.

POLICE PATROLMEN

The City of Elba, Alabama, is now accepting applications for the position of Police Patrolmen.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- (a) High school graduate or GED.
- (b) Must possess a valid Alabama Drivers License.
- (c) Must possess a good driving record.
- (d) Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- (e) Must meet the minimum standards for law enforcement officers as established by Alabama Law. Applicants that are certified by the Alabama Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission are preferred.
- (f) All applicants are subject to drug screening and background check.

PAY RANGE:

\$10.11 to \$14.92 per hour.

BENEFITS:

- Local Government Health Insurance Plan administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama.
- Participation in State Retirement.
- Vacation and Sick Leave.

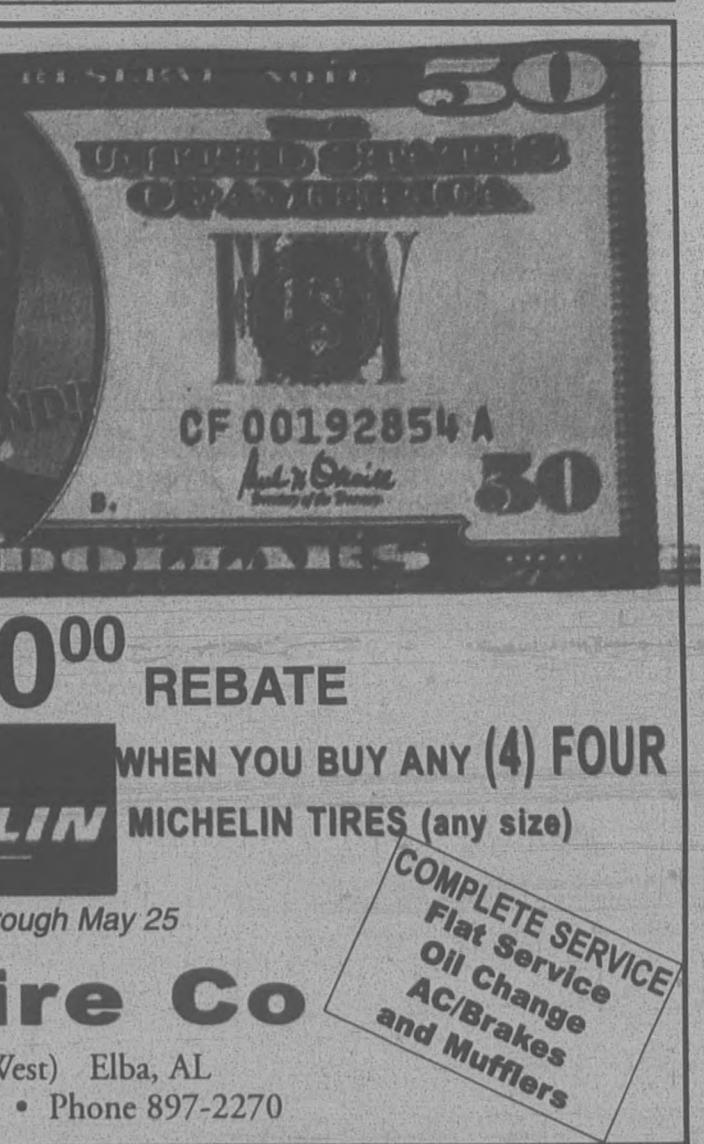
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Applications can be obtained by contacting Elba Police Department at 304 Simmons Street, Elba, Alabama between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

CLOSING DATE:

Applications will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on the 20th day of May, 2005.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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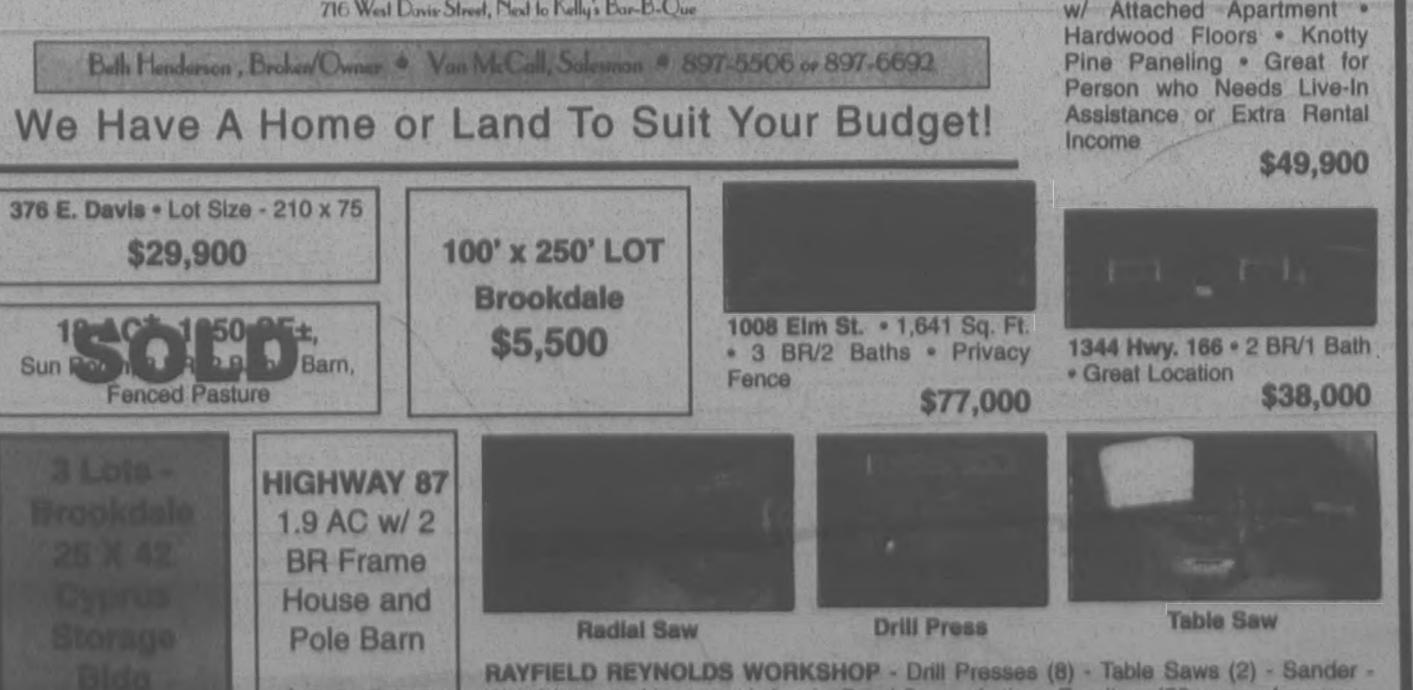
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2005 Miss Zion Chapel queens crowned recently



FUTURE LITTLE MISS...(from left) Graceen Bright, second runner up; Kacee Snow, third runner up; Hailey Dewberry, 2005 Future Little Miss Zion Chapel; Sarah Bryson Prescott, first runner up; and Jasmine Smith, fourth runner up.



LITTLE MISS...(from left) Elizabeth Meads, fourth runner up; Sadie Graham, first runner up; Kelli Grant, 2005 Little Miss Zion Chapel; Claire Powell, second runner up, and Hailey Finger, third runner up.



JUNIOR MISS...(from left) Alexis Messina, fourth runner up; Cali Crook, third runner up; Summer Parker, 2005 Junior Miss Zion Chapel; Torie Hodge, first runner up; and Kirsten Collins, second runner up.



MISS...(from left) Maegan Johnson, second runner up; Alegria Ramos, 2005 Miss Zion Chapel; and Kenna Roberts, first runner up.

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Elba City Schools receive \$200,000 grant for reading program improvements

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Excitement reached the Elba City School System recently when announcement arrived naming the local system as one of eleven in the state to qualify for an Alabama Reading First Initiative (ARFI) grant.

Superintendent Danny Weeks said the school system will receive a \$200,000 grant for its reading program, and that grant could possibly be three years if the school system follows through with its program.

Funds for the ARFI grant are earmarked with specific purposes to include provide assistance to local education agencies in establishing reading programs for students in kindergarten through grade three that are based on scientific reading

research to ensure that every student can read at grade level or above not later than the end of grade three; provide assistance in preparing teachers, including special education teachers, through professional development and other support so the teachers can identify specific barriers facing their students and so the teachers have

the tools to effectively help their students learn to read; provide assistance in selecting or administering screening, diagnostic, and classroom-based instructional reading assessments; provide assistance in selecting or developing effective instructional materials (including classroom-based materials to assist teachers in implementing the essential components of reading instruction), programs,

learning systems, and strategies to implement methods that have been proven to prevent or remediate reading failure within a state; and to strengthen coordination among schools, early literacy programs, family literacy programs, and statewide literacy efforts to improve reading achievement for all children.

"This program is in addition to 'Reading' Initiative," Weeks said. "It will mean extensive changes in our reading instruction."

Weeks said it will mean a lot of extra work during the summer for the school's faculty, but he believes the rewards will make it all worthwhile.

He said the school will have outside consultants coming in during the summer, and several professional development workshops will be held for the elementary teachers.

The superintendent said one of the most exciting advantages of receiving the grant is that the school will switch to the

Police Department at (334) 897-2555.

Coffee County holds annual Relay for Life event

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WEEKEND FIRE DESTROYS HOME...Members of the Zion Chapel Fire Department were awakened early Sunday morning, May 15, to the sound of a fire alarm. At approximately 3:21 a.m. Sunday morning a fire was reported at the home of Happy Jack Gideon, located on Highway 87 in the Zion Chapel community. By the time fire-fighters reached the scene of the fire, the home was fully engulfed and could not be saved. Family members of the owner said they appreciate the effort made by the fire department although it was beyond control by the time they were notified. The fire was one of three reported in the Zion Chapel community Sunday morning. The Coffee County Sheriff's Department and State Fire Marshal's office are jointly investigating the fire.

Suspicious fires in Zion Chapel community being investigated

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates announced Monday, May 16, the investigation of three structure fires in the Zion Chapel community.

The three fires, all reported in the early morning or pre dawn hours Sunday, May 15, occurred in the Zion Chapel community. All three were residential structures and were either completely destroyed or received heavy fire damage.

"Anyone traveling in the area of these reported fires are asked to be observant of any suspicious activities, vehicles or persons and to immediately contact local law enforcement officials," Moates said.

Anyone with information regarding any of these fires can call the State Fire Marshal's office at (334) 241-4166 or the Coffee County Sheriff's office at (334) 894-5535.

J.A. Wise and Son Farms named Alabama's 2005 Farm of Distinction

A diversified row crop and beef cattle operation in Coffee County, J.A. Wise and Son Farms, was named Alabama's 2005 Farm of Distinction by the Alabama Farm-City Committee on April 25 in Birmingham.

As this year's winner, James and Joyce Wise received prizes valued at more than \$10,000 and will represent Alabama in the Southeastern Farmer of the Year

competition with the winner being named during the Sunbelt Ag Expo Oct. 18-20 in Moultrie, Ga.

Located in the Fairview community, Wise and Son Farms was started by James Wise in 1954 after he graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, now Auburn University.

Starting with 420 acres and the philosophy that he could only make money if he utilized the land 12 months a year, Wise has since expanded his farm to include 3,500 acres—which he was able to pay off in 2002. Today, he raises about 1,200 acres of cotton, corn and soybeans during the summer months and then uses the row-crop land for winter grazing when the weather turns cold. James also has installed terraces, drainage tiles and other conservation measures to prevent erosion and ensure he gets the maximum return from his investment.

The same business savvy led Wise to adopt an unique marketing strategy for the calves produced each year by his 500-cow, mostly Limousin, beef cattle herd.

"We market all the calves through the Laura's Lean beef program," he said. "It's a group based in Lexington, Ky., and their advertising philosophy is that their beef is raised with no growth additives of any kind."

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Elba Police officers discuss drugs with local senior citizens

by Linda Hodge, Editor

With the use and manufacture of illegal drugs becoming a larger problem each and every day, many citizens are wondering what exactly they need to know

about the use and manufacture of illegal drugs.

Elba Police officers Michael Adkison and Tony Harrison visited the Damascus Senior Citizens Center Tuesday, May 10, and presented a presentation regarding the illegal use and manufacture of drugs including methamphetamine, marijuana, crack cocaine and powder cocaine.

Harrison, a narcotics officer with the police department, said one of the biggest problems in this area today is methamphetamine because it can be made cheap and sold for the double the cost.

By showing examples, the officers were able to give the seniors a better idea of the dangers of methamphetamine and the other illegal drugs.

The intent of the presentation was to explain the smell, and look of various drugs, as well as, signs to look for in someone using or manufacturing the illegal drugs.

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Area Happenings

THE ZION CHAPEL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER'S EXTENDED-DAY PROGRAM will present a spring program entitled "You Can't Be a Star" on Thursday, May 19.

The program will begin with a PTO meeting and conclude with the Extended Day presentation. PTO will begin at 6 p.m. The program will be a showcase for the work that students, kindergarteners through eighth graders, do in the ZCC's Extended Day Program since it began in mid fall. Everyone is invited.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL will hold an Honors Day program Friday, May 20, at 8 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

THE COFFEE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, May 23, at the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency in New Brockton. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

THE COFFEE COUNTY LEAN BEEF program will be held at the Coffee County Fairgrounds in New Brockton on Saturday, May 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The program will be held in the auditorium and the public is invited.

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